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Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure that there was written evidence of the acceptance of responsibility for direction and monitoring of medication aides and failed to ensure that there was written evidence of recipient safety determination for 3 out of 3 sampled resident who received their medications from medication aides. The facility census was 34 residents. The sample size was 4 residents with an additional 3 residents selected for sampled review.

Plan of Correction:

Grand Island Veterans Home has reviewed and revised the Medication-Aide policy as of May 28, 2010 to be specific for the Assisted Living Unit. Education to Assisted Living staff regarding the policy changes will be conducted by the Assisted Living Unit Director who will implement this policy.

Members residing in Assisted Living will be assessed to assure it is safe and appropriate for the individual to receive routine medications and additional activities. The assessment is to include PRN medications, rectal suppositories, and/or to participate in monitoring by Medication Aides. The Assisted Living Unit Director will be responsible for implementation of the Recipient Safety Determination form.

The Recipient Safety Determination form will be completed as an addendum to the Resident Service Agreement for each member. The Recipient Safety Determination statement has been added to the Resident Service Agreement and the member will be assessed every six months when the Resident Service Agreement is due for review with the member to assure continuation is appropriate.

Grand Island Veterans Home will be responsible for implementation of the Assisted Living Resident Service Agreement. The Quality Improvement Team will monitor the outcome results of the plan of correction. The facility will be in significant compliance on June 24, 2010.